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[Council to A. Faw.]

In Council Annapolis 2<sup>d</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1779

Sir

We are called on again to assist in Cloathing our Troops, we cannot do any Thing of Consequence below, to our Satisfaction in imported Goods; we most want Shirts, Blankets, Hats & Stockings, we wish you to buy up as quickly as you can, all Linen you can meet with, fit for Soldiers Shirts, either country made or imported, as far if you have an Opportunity, as will make 3000 Shirts, and have it made into Shirts as you get it; you'll be attentive to have them well made and washed. If you can get them on tolerable Terms; purchase as far as 1000 Blankets. If you can agree for Hats, contract as far as 1500, Stockings as far as 2000 Pair, especially if they can be soon got. Col<sup>o</sup> Johnson, on Enquiry, wrote the Governor that Hats bound were at 26 Dollars and yarn Stockings at 20 Dollars. M<sup>r</sup> Beatty will supply you with Money from Time to Time as may be necessary and we shall, on your Receipts, replace it here. Diligence is necessary, exert yourself and write us frequently.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Abraham Faw.

[Council to W. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 2<sup>d</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1779

Sir.

We just now received your Letter of to Day. There is no armed Vessel here nor any fit for Sea except one, she is nearly loaded. We have but a few Barr<sup>ls</sup> of Flour and no Bread at all belonging to the State, nor is there any Quantity in Town, we happened to have an Opportunity and have already wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Hemsley to know if he or any Body in his Neighbourhood can immediately furnish any. The Independence now at Baltimore is the only Galley we have in Order; we wish you to consult with Commodore Grason, whether she would not answer the Purpose, if she will and you can engage a sufficient Number of Men, with those who belong to her, we suppose in the whole about 50 will be necessary we are very willing she should go; she may just call here to take in her Provisions and by that Time we can, on being advised you make Use of her, have the Dolphin loaded with Turnips & Potatoes to go with her. The Independence, we are afraid, will not carry a great  
p. 7 Deal besides her Stores, but she may answer as a Convoy to any other Vessels you may send with her. We suppose the Orders will be to deliver to the French Fleet off our Cape, if